

# Requirements for Becoming a Lead Abatement Worker

## Kansas Department of Health and Environment

### Residential Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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#### What is a Lead Abatement Worker?

A lead abatement worker is a certified individual who carries out any measure or set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility. Lead abatement includes the removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the permanent enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement of lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil. Other duties a lead abatement worker is involved in include all preparation, cleanup, disposal, and post abatement clearance testing activities associated with these measures.

#### How do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Worker?

Within one year of successfully completing a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program, submit a completed *Lead Occupation Initial / Renewal* form, along with a copy of your KDHE- or EPA-accredited lead worker training program certificates, and any required refresher completion certificates for the lead abatement worker occupation. You must also include evidence documenting your education and experience that would fulfill the requirements of a lead abatement worker, a check or money order made payable to KDHE for the nonrefundable \$50 fee, and two recent, passport-size color photographs of your face without a hat or sunglasses. (Computer-generated or photocopied photographs shall not be acceptable.)

#### How much are the fees to become a lead abatement worker?\*

Initial fee.....	\$50
Recertification fee.....	\$25
Certification by Reciprocity fee.....	\$50

**\*all fees are nonrefundable**

#### What qualifications are required to become a lead abatement worker?

##### Education qualifications-

There are no minimum education qualifications to become a lead abatement worker

##### Training qualifications-

Each applicant for a certificate as a lead abatement worker shall complete a KDHE- or EPA-accredited lead abatement worker training program and pass the course examination with a score of 70% or more.

#### What are approved documents recognized by KDHE as evidence of meeting the training requirements?

Course completion certificates issued by the KDHE- or EPA-accredited training provider are required to be submitted at time of application to KDHE for certification.

#### Does a Lead Abatement Worker have to pass a third party exam before receiving certification?

There is no third party exam for lead abatement workers. Successful completion of a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program is sufficient for certification of a lead abatement worker.

#### How do I apply for recertification?

The certified individual applying for renewal shall complete the eight-hour KDHE- or EPA-accredited refresher course for lead abatement workers. Submit a completed application for renewal of certificate to KDHE at least 60 days before the certificate's

expiration date as indicated on the certificate. Failure of the certified individual to submit an application at least 60 days before the certificate's expiration date may result in the certificate not being renewed before the current certification expires. A completed application includes the required supporting documentation, two recent photographs and the nonrefundable recertification fee of \$25 by check or money order made payable to KDHE.

### **I am certified/licensed in another state; can I apply for certification by reciprocity?**

Yes, if the state you are certified/licensed in has a reciprocity agreement with KDHE. Check with your state agency, or contact KDHE for updated state reciprocity agreements. When applying, you must follow all of the procedures outlined for an individual applying for certification as a lead abatement worker. (See how do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Worker? above) Include a copy of the EPA-approved state licensure/ certification certificate(s) for a lead abatement worker occupation in other states, proper documentation of meeting education and or experience requirements, a check or money order for the nonrefundable application fee of \$50 and two recent, passport-size color photographs of your face without a hat or sunglasses. (Computer-generated or photocopied photographs are not acceptable.)

### **How will I know if I was approved or denied certification?**

The applicant shall be informed by KDHE in writing that the application is approved, incomplete, or denied. An incomplete application notice will be accompanied by a list of necessary items and/or information required to complete the application. The applicant will have 30 days to correct omissions or the application will be denied. When an application for certification is denied, the written notice of denial to the applicant shall specify the reasons for the denial. If an applicant is wrongfully denied by a determination to deny certification, the applicant may appeal KDHE's denial to the administrative hearing commission as provided by the Kansas administrative procedure act.

### **What happens after I successfully complete a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program?**

After the applicant successfully completes a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program, a two-year lead abatement worker certificate and a photo identification badge may be issued by KDHE.

### **Where can I get a *Lead Occupation Initial / Renewal* form?**

Contact the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-866-865-3233 or visit the website at [http://www.kdheks.gov/lead/license\\_and\\_certification.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/lead/license_and_certification.htm)

### **What would cause my application to be denied?**

Certification may be denied by KDHE for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to meet minimum education or experience requirements
- Not having correct type or amount of training
- Providing false or misleading statements in the application
- Failure to submit a complete application
- Three or more citations or violations within the past two years of any existing local, state, or federal lead-based paint activity regulations or standards
- Three or more violations within the past two years of 29 CFR 1926.62 or 29 CFR 1910.1200, both revised as of July 1, 1998.
- Fraud or failure to disclose facts relevant to the application
- Permitting the duplication or use by another of the individual's certificate
- Any other information that may affect the applicant's ability to appropriately perform lead inspections, or
- Final disciplinary action, for any violation of lead-based paint activity standards, against the certified individual by another state, territory, federal agency, or country, whether or not voluntarily agreed to by the certified individual, including the denial of certification, surrender of the certificate, allowing the certificate to expire, or discontinuing or restricting the certificate while subject to investigation or while actually under investigation by another state, territory, federal agency, or country.

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